

REMARKS

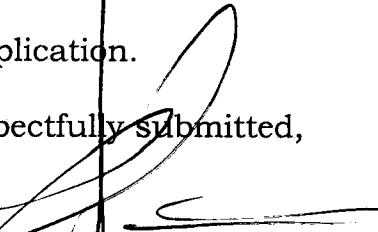
This paper is responsive to the election/restriction requirement issued on September 20, 2007, relating to the above-identified application. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement and Applicant is required to restrict the application to one of the following alleged inventions: Invention I: Claims 1-21, drawn to a fluid collector, a fluid collection device, and a kit classified in class 436, subclass 71. Invention II: Claims 22-41, drawn to a method for collecting a specimen from a patient and a method for providing a test and test results, classified in class 422, subclass 101.

While traversing the above restriction, Applicant provisionally elects Invention I in accordance with MPEP § 818.03(b). Applicant reserves the right to file the nonelected claims in a divisional or continuation application. All arguments made by the Applicant relating to the currently nonelected subject matter shall not be construed as admission that any such Examiner's argument or position is proper.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0259 or any payment in connection with this communication, including any fees for extension of time, that may be required. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if such action might expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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